

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we embark on this year's Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generosity and emphasize the profound impact your support has on our diocesan family.

Because of you, the CSA unites us as *One Faith, One Family*, empowering us to transcend the efforts of any single parish. Working together, we evangelize, educate, serve and inspire hope in those who need it most across the Diocese of Erie. This year, I want to highlight three vital areas your transformational support uplifts: prayer, discipleship and service.

In Prayer

Faith is a lifelong journey and the CSA funds pivotal programs that nurture each stage—from baptism and Catholic schooling to adult formation. Your contributions foster the faith of all generations, helping people deepen their relationship with God. Your support strengthens our presence from urban centers to rural communities.

In Discipleship

Our Communications Office fuels evangelization. *Faith* magazine, made possible by your contributions, shares enlightening stories and teachings that showcase the beauty of Catholic life for families throughout the diocese. Your support ensures these uplifting messages resonate within our entire community.

In Service

Your contributions enable Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services (CCCAS) to expand mental health services across all 13 counties. Your generosity provides essential mental health support through in-person and telehealth options, illuminating hope for a brighter future for those in need.

I invite you to stretch your definition of philanthropy in terms of your engagement in this year's CSA and help to continue our legacy of love and faith for future generations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



**The Most Reverend
Lawrence T. Persico, JCL**
Bishop of Erie

Prayer for the Catholic Services Appeal

God, loving Father,

*With the One Faith you have bestowed upon us
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
and the flame of charity ignited in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
draw us together into One Family.*


*Through our proclamation of the Gospel
and attentive listening to the needs of our sisters and brothers,
may we be beacons of hope.*

*Through our dedication to the mission of your Church
let the light of hope keep us mindful
that the greatest and the least are members of your One Family.*

For you live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.

2025 CSA Goal
TOTAL: \$4,235,000

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- | Category | Percentage |
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| Catholic Schools & Tuition Assistance | 20% |
| Catholic Charities | 19% |
| Communications | 16% |
| Faith Formation | 15% |
| Clergy Services | 12% |
| Pastoral Services | 6% |
| Tribunal and Matrimonial Concerns | 4% |
| Diocesan & International Missions | 3% |
| Women Religious & Catholic Rural Ministry | 3% |
| Protection of Children & Youth | 2% |
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Please give through your parish. Thank you!

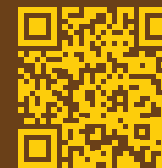


**One Faith
One Family**

*“That they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me
and I in you.” - John 17:21*



Diocese of Erie
**2025 Catholic
Services Appeal**



In Prayer

Prayer is central to our relationship with God. From the innocent prayers of childhood to reflective conversations of adulthood, our lifelong journey of prayer evolves over time, yet remains the foundation of our faith.

In our Catholic Schools, teachers integrate prayer into daily life, helping students embrace it as a natural, comforting practice. From creating prayer altars to coloring a picture of a beloved priest, we are blessed to provide teachers and faith leaders with tools to nurture *one faith and one family*.

In our diocese, we enrich our faith community at every stage – from welcoming infants in baptism and guiding young minds, to supporting vocations to the priesthood, strengthening commitments in confirmation, preparing couples in Pre-Cana and deepening our spiritual growth with adult formation.

Your generosity to the CSA unites us as *One Faith, One Family* to support faith formation, emphasizing prayer to form missionary disciples in Christ and pass on the faith to future generations.



In Discipleship

United as *one faith and one family*, we are called to share Christ's love. The Office of Communications supports the bishop's mission to teach and foster unity across our 13 counties. Through *Faith* magazine and other platforms, we deepen relationships with Christ and proclaim the Gospel.

Faith magazine connects our diocesan family with inspiring stories of faith, hope and discipleship. *Faith* magazine is more than a publication. It's a powerful evangelization tool, reaching Catholics and the broader community with the highest standards of information to inspire faith.

Guided by our mission, the Office of Communications creates engaging content, supports parish and school communications, and responds to the bishop's vision, inspiring discipleship with integrity, professionalism and transparency.

Your generosity to the CSA enables us to join together as *One Faith, One Family* to continue this vital work. Together, we strengthen our community, share the Good News, and bring more souls to Christ.



In Service

Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services (CCCAS) is now reaching more people, providing free mental health and substance abuse counseling to individuals and families across the diocese's 13 counties.

"Telehealth is transformative for our clients," said a CCCAS counselor. "We reach people who wouldn't otherwise get help."

The power of this reach truly unites us as *one faith and one family* and can be seen in stories like that of one CCCAS client, who found renewed hope in her journey to sobriety.

"Sobriety has put me on another wavelength," she reflected. "I've gone from merely existing to living." For her and many others, CCCAS offers not only counseling but a second chance.

Your generosity to the CSA enables us to join together as *One Faith, One Family* to fund the CCCAS, an agency of Catholic Charities. As demand grows, your support is crucial to help us continue our mission and ensure no one is turned away due to financial constraints.

